NASA Life Scientist

**Job Description:** Research how space environments affect living things, how to support life in space, and how life began and changed over time.

**What does a NASA Life Scientist do?**

* Study immune changes during spaceflight and the effect of radiation and altered gravity on living systems.
* Research how living things respond to the space environment.
* Discover ways to make the environment suitable for astronauts who are in space for a long period of time.
* Write proposals to ask for funding for research.
* Develop experiments to be sent into space with astronauts for them to perform.

**Outlook:**

Average Salary - $31.98 hourly, $66,510 annual (information for Biologist)

**Your Interests:**

* Do you enjoy doing experiments?
* Are you interested in how living things function?
* Do you work well with a team?
* Do you enjoy investigating mysteries or problems?

**Education/Program of Study:**

* Minimum Bachelor’s Degree in Biology, Astronomy, Chemistry or related field.
* To do research, a Ph.D. is needed.